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Interconnector (UK) Limited

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ANNUAL SHUTDOWN - 2002

Interconnector (UK) Ltd the operator of the Gas Interconnector between Bacton in Norfolk and Zeebrugge in Belgium, confirmed that the pipeline will shutdown for planned maintenance at 06:00 hours local time on 31st August 2002. The planned duration of the shutdown is 10 days.

INTERCONNECTOR (UK) LIMITED – BACKGROUND

Interconnector (UK) Ltd, or IUK, operates a sub-sea pipeline and terminal facilities connecting the UK and continental Europe. The company's 40" diameter carbon steel pipeline stretches 230 kilometres between Bacton in north Norfolk and Zeebrugge in Belgium. It is capable of transporting 20 billion cubic metres a year (bcm/yr) from Bacton to Zeebrugge and 8.5 bcm/yr in the opposite direction.

Owned by ten major companies IUK has sold capacity in the pipeline to gas shippers. A dedicated and award winning IT system, ISIS, manages the volumes and flows and provides constantly updated information to IUK and its customers.

Further information on IUK can be obtained from www.iuk-isis.com

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